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THE ordinary monthly meeting of the Club was held at the Royal Society's Hall on Monday evening, 14th September, 1896. The president, Professor Baldwin Spencer, M.A., occupied the chair, and some 60 members and visitors were present.

REPORTS.

The hon. librarian reported the receipt of the following donations to the library:—*Natural Science*, vols. ii., iii., iv., v., and vi., from Mr. F. G. A. Barnard; "Report of Horn Exploring Expedition," parts 2 and 3, from Mr. W. A. Horn; "Proceedings Linnean Society of New South Wales (second series), vol x., part 4, and 1896, part 1 (with Supplement), from Society; "Transactions Royal Society of South Australia," vol. xvi., part 3, from Society; "Transactions Royal Society of Tasmania," 1894-5, from Society; "Transactions of New Zealand Institute," 1895, from Institute; "Proceedings Australasian Association for Advancement of Science," Brisbane meeting, 1895, from the Association; "Annual Report of Trustees, Australian Museum, Sydney," 1895, from Trustees; "Botany Bulletin, Queensland," No. 13, from the Government Botanist, Brisbane; "Proceedings Nova Scotian Institute of Science," vol. i. (second series), part 4, from the Institute; "Proceedings Boston Society of Natural History," vol. xxvi., part 4, from Society; and "Proceedings Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia," 1895, part 2, from Academy.

The hon. secretary reported that a meeting for practical work was held on Monday evening, 24th August, when Mr. T. S. Hall, M.A., gave a demonstration on the classification and grouping of rocks, with the identification of some of the commoner kinds. There was a good attendance of members, and a most profitable evening was spent, a large number of typical specimens being handed round for study.

A report of the excursion to Clayton on Saturday, 22nd August, was read by the leader, Mr. C. French, jun. An enjoyable afternoon was spent, and among the plants noticed may be mentioned *Acacia oxycedrus*, *Styphelia elliptica*, *Drosera binata*, *Boronia polygalifolia*, *Corysanthes unguiculata*, *Pterostylis pedunculata*, and *Ophioglossum vulgatum*. Some members devoted their attention to pond life, when, amongst other objects, an interesting alga, probably belonging to the family Chroococcus, was noted.